

ABSTRACT

5 A process for preparing a paroxetine hydrochloride hydrate, comprising
reacting (3S, 4R)-1-tert-butoxycarbonyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)-3-[(3,4-methylene-
dioxy)phenoxy)methyl]piperidine with hydrogen chloride in the presence of water,
and allowing crystals to separate out from the resulting reaction mixture in the
presence of water.